

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Rich Arpi, Bob Tholkes, Daniel Dorff, David Karpinski, Howard Luloff  
Also in attendance: Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, John Buckeye

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by President Rich Arpi

Meeting Agenda

1. Review June 11 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes reviewed, Bob T moved to accept the minutes and Daniel seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

2. Membership Report – Stew and John

10 new members (including one returning one) since the spring chapter meeting and 7 since the June 11 board meeting. New members since June 11: Bryan Herr, Jacob S., Jeffrey Kummer, Daniel Dullum, Michael Merlino, Kyle McNary (was a member in the past and has rejoined), Sparky Seals. In addition, there were three members since the spring chapter meeting who were reported on at the June 11 board meeting: Chris Angel, Paul Batesel, Josh Ruffin. We now have 174 members with the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter. This is up from 146 at the beginning of this fiscal year on June 1.

3. Newsletter Report - Stew

Discussion if 12 issues was necessary

4. Book Club Report

The book club will discuss “Winning Fixes Everything” by Evan Drellich.  
There was discussion about a SABR day activity over Zoom with the author.

5. Social Media Report – Bob K.

There are 274 members in the Halsey Hall Facebook Group

6. Webmaster Report

The question was asked: Do we need to update pages on our website? Stew responded yes. There was discussion that we can do more with the research page and that the research committee could look into it more. There was also mention of finding volunteers willing to go through the pages and links to see if they're up to date. Rich and Daniel volunteered and they can pass their recommendations on to the research committee.

7. Events report – Howard

There was the Miesville game on July 26th against the Rochester Royals that had good turnout. The group ate at Kings Place beforehand and had burgers.

The Fall meeting is November 18th. Howard will be the MC. Jerry is in charge of the nametags, Dave volunteered to be in charge of beverages and coffee. 3 presentations are set, those being

1) Sam S. presentation on Joe Mauer for the HOF 2) Stew on past speed up attempts in MLB, 3) Glen Resnick on Candy-Gum & Cards. A fourth spot is reserved for a first timer until October 18th. As for a guest speaker, We haven't heard back from Amanda (of the Twins) yet. Will try to contact her again next week. Otherwise the head coach of St. Thomas was mentioned as another option.

#### 8. Research Committee Report – Gene and Dave

Rich reported that the spread of baseball in Minnesota project is restarting and there's interest from a few members to meet September 8th to do more research on the topic.

Gene reported that at least a dozen people have shown up to each Research Committee meeting and that successful trivia quizzes have taken place. There was work done to gauge interest in people volunteering for SABR 52 and there was lots of interest.

Dave reported that there are lots of people doing lots of research. He also mentioned that a cordless microphone would be useful at the Fall meeting (and future meetings). It was mentioned that Brenda volunteered to improve the Facebook Live technique in a discussion of ways to improve the fall meeting.

Regarding the microphone: Rich asked about cost. Gene replied that it would be about \$109 for a nicer system containing two microphones, a receiver, and miscellaneous other items like a case, etc. Stew mentioned not being sure if that will work and not being sure if that's necessary as the church may have one but that it might be a good idea to authorize the money in case. Stew further went on to mention the idea of having like a "Mr. Microphone" set up in the audience for use, but that would require people to get in line to use it. After much discussion David moved to authorize up to \$150 for Gene or Stew to purchase a microphone system and to make sure it's compatible with the church. Rich seconded. Regarding the idea of people having to line up to ask questions it was mentioned that that is what people do at the SABR conventions and that it works well. There was a strong desire to have a system that improves the amplification of people asking questions. The motion passed.

#### 9. Old Business

There was discussion about us hosting SABR 52. Bob made a motion to formally agree to host SABR 52 August 7-11, 2024. Rich seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion moved to the need for a steering committee of 2-5 people to head up communication with Scott Bush. This was per Scott's request. The committee would go back and forth weekly with Scott and would refer or delegate things to others as needed. After discussion Bob T. moved that Daniel, John, Stew, and Gene be on the steering committee. Daniel seconded. The motion passed.

#### 10. New Business Items

The idea of a standing committee for chapter achievements was brought up, a reporting committee of sorts. In discussion it was mentioned that Gene might be the best choice, the committee would report on what the chapter does, monitor MVP requirements, there should be a list of procedures written up, the committee could fill out the survey detailing what the chapter did. We could follow the MVP chapter guidelines to help us plan events, we could mentor other chapters to MVP status, the name would be TBD. Gene reported that at SABR 51 he was told by a SABR leader that 'our chapter is one to be aspired to' and also that SABR liked that we list our new members each month in our newsletter. Rich moved the formation of a "MVP

Committee" (name as a placeholder) and Bob T. seconded. The motion passed. Bob T. appointed Gene as committee chair which Gene accepted. Bob said he will help Gene draft procedures for this new committee and come up with a name for the next meeting.

There was discussion on the National Pastime issue for SABR 52. In the past Cecilia Tan has done all the editing and she's excited for help. Many people have expressed interest, including Mike Hauptert in particular. It was stated that the local chapter gets first crack at submissions before opening it up to people at-large. There's many people interested in helping with the editing process for this next issue.

Discussion moved to buying Jack Smallings book on baseball addresses. After some discussion Bob T. moved to approve spending up to \$25 for Jack Smallings book which Rich seconded. Motion passed. In discussion it was stated that the book is good for finding guest speakers for our spring and fall meetings. It's also a good resource to find people in conducting research.

#### 11. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be October 22 at 7pm

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. John seconded. Motion Passed.